

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled. The claims remaining in the application are 2-6 and 8-11.

Specification

Reference number 65 (dental laboratory facility) has been removed from the Specification and Parts List. Dental laboratory facility 65 does not appear in the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

A copy of the formal drawings are submitted herewith with a copy of the Letter to the Official Draftsperson. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cooper in view of DiRe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action has objected to claims 5 and 10 but will allow them if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

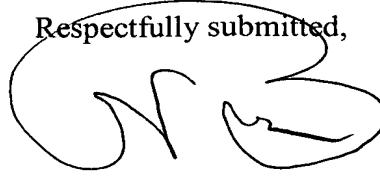
CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

In conclusion, none of the prior art cited by the Office Action discloses the limitations of the claims of the present invention, either individually or in combination. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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If the Examiner is unable to reach the Applicant(s) Attorney at the telephone number provided, the Examiner is requested to communicate with Eastman Kodak Company Patent Operations at (585) 477-4656.

Enclosures: Copy of Letter to Draftsperson
Copy of Formal Drawings